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Dear Chief Secretary,

The Finance Committee has today published its report on Scotland's Fiscal Framework. A copy of the report can be accessed via this link:  
[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_FinanceCommittee/Reports/fir15-12w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_FinanceCommittee/Reports/fir15-12w.pdf).

I am writing to invite you, or another Treasury minister, to give evidence to the Committee in relation to the report's findings at our meeting on the morning of Wednesday 2 September. It would be helpful if you could provide a written response to the issues raised in the report which relate to the UK Government in advance of the meeting and by no later than Wednesday 26 August.

The evidence session is also expected to consider the implications for the Scottish budget of the Chancellor's forthcoming summer budget.

The Committee intends to continue to monitor progress towards agreeing the fiscal framework and would welcome regular updates from both the UK and Scottish governments on developments in this regard.

I have also written to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Constitution inviting him to give evidence on the report's findings and the intention is for you both to appear before the Committee on the same day. An early response would be helpful in order to enable us to confirm arrangements before the parliamentary recess.

Yours sincerely

**Kenneth Gibson MSP**

**Convener**